



City of Annapolis

Annapolis Heritage Commission
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February 20, 2013

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its February 20, 2013 meeting at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. **Chairman** Mack called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Commissioners Present: Chair Mack, Haight, Worden, Clark

Commissioners Absent: Engelke, Ramirez, Hayes-Williams, Holland, McWilliams, Bowen, Cropper

Staff: Craig-Board Liaison

Guest: John Godas

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to lack of a quorum, the ACH deferred voting on the December 5, 2012 meeting minutes to its April 3, 2013 meeting.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Staff Updates: City Dock Master Plan, Wayfinding, Hammond-Harwood House Marker and New Member

New Member

Chairman Mack introduced the new Commission member, Robert C. Clark who was welcomed by all.

City Dock Master Plan

Ms. Craig explained that the City Dock Master Plan (CDMP) was referred to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for review and comment. The HPC at its February 12, 2013 meeting accepted public testimony on the CDMP and approximately eight people spoke. The HPC Chair left the record open to receive written comments from any member of the public interested in submitting comments including the AHC. She provided background on some of the proposal in the plan specifically the changes in the height of buildings along Dock Street to up to 4-5-feet as well as 3-feet for buildings near the Fawcett site. She noted that the City has not completed a view shed analysis but funding has been requested to do the analysis. She said that there was discussion regarding the zoning to allow setbacks for the façade height to be stepped back from the street level. She noted that the height scale and the new construction buildings was a concern for those who spoke at the HPC. Ms. Craig further clarified the AHC concerns relating to building height and the Memorial Circle as well as the widening of the streets. **Chairman** Mack discussed concern regarding possible flooding on the streets and whether it is wise to increase population density without increasing available space to accommodate the density. Ms. Craig clarified that the AHC should consider whether the proposed development will have an impact on the historic character. AHC expressed its support of the proposed reconfiguration of the Fawcett's site and value the view shed down Main Street but the plan does not reflect the historically low scale streetscapes. Mr. Haight would like to know the square footage of the buildings once the project is complete. Mr. Worden noted that the plan did not discuss the impact on St. Mary's and Conduit Streets. The AHC feels that the seawall option should be explored.

Hammond-Harwood House Marker

Ms. Craig noted that the Hammond-Harwood House Board voluntarily removed the marker.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Historic Markers: Criteria discussion and donation for Lincoln Plaque

Ms. Craig introduced Mr. Gudas who has a proposal for repair of the Lincoln plaque that is in a deteriorated condition.

Mr. Gudas noticed that the Lincoln plaque outside of Gate 3 has deteriorated to be unreadable and he would like to donate funds to repair or replace the plaque. He hopes that this gesture would encourage other groups to do the same for other deteriorated plaques located throughout the City. Ms. Craig noted that it would be good if the City seeded a fund with matching funds for these types of project. **Chair** Mack said that there are other 501(c) 3 organizations such as Four Rivers and the Maryland Commission on African American Culture that could act as resource for matching funds. Ms. Craig agreed that there are nonprofits companies that can accept Mr. Gudas funds where the AHC can partner along side. However, criteria should be established for such a partnership. There was discussion regarding materials for the sign and the need for criteria to be established. **Chair** Mack noted that there are no criteria established for the sign fabrication/materials and the AHC does not have the expertise to develop. The AHC will discuss the best approach to moving forward on this issue. Mr. Gudas agreed to solicit and pursue monies for the sign repairs as well as participate in the subcommittee once it is established. The AHC agreed to partner with Historic Annapolis Foundation to accept the Gudas funds and begin the process.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Street Names: Review of Proposed Legislation

The AHC deferred the discussion on this agenda item to its April 3, 2013 meeting.

2. Input on members for a Maynard Burgess House Interpretive Committee

Ms. Craig noted that Ms. Molly Ridout will be on the Interpretive Committee for the Maynard Burgess House. She is in the process of establishing a subcommittee that will begin reviewing the draft interpretative plan to determine what displays that will be in the room. **Chairman** Mack talked about a partnership with Banneker Douglass Museum for use of their curator.

3. Living Landmarks Awards for 2013 - Nominees

The AHC briefly discussed possible nominees for the Living Landmarks Award for 2013. Ms. Craig encouraged members to consider names to submit to the Mayor for recommendation. She believes that the AHC should look at the Arts, Legislative History, and Politics for possible nominees. She is hoping to make the award presentation in June this year.

4. AHC Organizational Chart

Chair Mack briefly identified some possible subcommittees to the AHC specifically Advisory, Administration and Finance, Historical Research and Preservation, Publication, Historical Markers, Special Subcommittee (Those committees not listed, established for a special purpose and are dissolved the purposed is resolved). He noted that each member can be part of a subcommittee. The subcommittee can also solicit outside volunteers for the particular subcommittees for expertise purposes. Members were encouraged to decide what subcommittee they would prefer to serve. Mr. Haight, Mr. Clark and Mr. Worden expressed interest in serving on the Historical Preservation and Research as well as the Historical Markers subcommittees. **Chair** Mack will serve on the Historical Preservation and Research subcommittee.

Mr. Worden moved to adopt the committee structure as listed subject to further modification as necessary. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 4-0.

5. Committee on the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington

Ms. Craig received a call from Ms. Gail Smith who noted that there are a number of individuals who are interested in selecting a site for a marker to commemorate the 1963 March on Washington. Mr. Worthen said there is already a marker at the Loews Hotel to commemorate this event. **Chair** Mack suggested that the City commemorate this event annually to recognize those Annapolis residents that participated in the event as opposed to a marker.

6. R-5-13: Washington Resignation Park

The AHC had concerns regarding the name of the park and the proposed area does not relate to this event. Mr. Worthen moved to table this agenda item for a later discussion. Mr. Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote 4-0.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 5:30pm at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. With there being no further business, Mr. Worthen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Mr. Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 4-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder